Soc Work Department Meeting

October 18, 2022

1-2:30pm Swart 302

Agenda

Attendees: Nicole Schneider, Sarah Fleming, Matthew Ringenberg, Mary Weeden, Kate Short-Meyerson, Jim Power, Renee Pasewald

Guest: Paul Van Auken

Absent: Jon Hudson, Amy Fischer Williams, Colleen Hansen

1. Paul Van Auken, Sociology. Seeking overlap opportunities between Sociology and Social Work. Potential MSW applicants. Paul provides information on Sociology and its various certificates, collaborations, and minors. Methods courses, such as research (in Soc Work 340) could be taught by professors from across related disciplines. Currently Soc Work partners with Criminal Justice (Matt Richie) on this course, but that is ending after Spring 2023. Discussion of minor options for Soc Work majors, and intersection of Environment and Social Justice. Targeted courses for MSW students taught by outside departments were considered, but a Social Work perspective will need to be demonstrable. Discussion of criteria for electives and courses on the Health, Humanities and Society Minor. If further discussion on class collaboration occurs, Kate will participate as the likely instructor on Soc Work methods course. Sociology, Social Work, Criminal Justice, Political Science, Math, Economics (Statistics), seeking mutually beneficial exchanges. .

2. Approve Previous Minutes. No discussion. Nicole moves for approval, Jim seconds. All in favor. Minutes approved.

3. Interpret department guidelines. Tabled until next meeting (faculty absent).

4. Course Preferences. Respond. Questions? If you have not already responded to Matthew regarding your course preferences, please do so as soon as possible. Three credits of release is the standard, but if classes are covered, an additional three credits of release are likely to be approved by the Dean’s Office. Matthew will find due date for additional credit release. Mary would like to confirm if ad hocs are allowed to cover for faculty on sabbatical.

5.Divide up Syllabi (in next reaccreditation meeting). Matthew wants to assign syllabi for update/review of syllabi content for CSWE reaffirmation. He anticipates this will be a straightforward task. This will be determined at the next CSWE meeting

f. Post “full” CVs to website. Department of Soc Work needs to post all faculty CVs on the website. Please update yours to information you are comfortable posting publicly (i.e. removing personal address/phone) and return to Matthew for website. More information forthcoming.

g. Discuss Recruiting Request. Matthew is reaching out to various programs and trying to recruit foundation level students. Matthew will be reaching out with existing potential engagements- he will take about half of them and is seeking volunteers for the other appointments. Will be speaking to UWO BSW seniors on 11/3. Someone in Anthropology reached out Jim regarding a career panel. Audra notes that at last week’s preview event and in the program in general, students are increasingly exhibiting behaviors indicative of autism. She would like to find placements that would be well-suited these students so they can succeed. In one successful case, the site educator was also supported by Jon as the MSW supervision. This is a mix of both what the placement is and how well set up the field supervisor is to teach neurodivergent. Discussion of offering continuing education opportunities for field educators. Stacy Skoning in Special Education may be a good resource for an informed presentation. Audra is willing to compile a pamphlet/information sheet which assists in socializing educators to neurodivergent students.

Meeting adjourned at 2:05

Respectfully submitted

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